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**PETITION TO ACCEPT UNINTENTIONALLY DELAYED PAYMENT OF
MAINTENANCE FEE IN AN EXPIRED PATENT (37 CFR 1.378 (c))**

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22784-65403

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2. LOSS OF ENTITLEMENT TO SMALL ENTITY STATUS

☐ Patentee is no longer entitled to small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27(g)

3. MAINTENANCE FEE (37 CFR 1.20(e)-(g))

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The surcharge required by 37 CFR 1.20(i)(2) of \$ 400.00 (Fee Code 1558) must be paid as a condition of accepting unintentionally delayed payment of a maintenance fee.

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8. STATEMENT

The delay in payment of the maintenance fee to this patent was unintentional.

9. PETITIONER(S) REQUEST THAT THE DELAYED PAYMENT OF THE MAINTENANCE FEE BE ACCEPTED AND THE PATENT REINSTATED


Signature(s) of Petitioner(s)May 8, 2013

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37 CFR 1.378(d) states: "Any petition under this section must be signed by an attorney or agent registered to practice before the Patent and Trademark Office, or by the patentee, the assignee, or other party in interest."

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Invention: Parcel Box
Inventor: Joseph A. Rasche
Issued: April 1, 2003
Attorney
Docket: 22784-65403

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LETTER ACCOMPANYING PETITION TO
ACCEPT LATE PAYMENT OF MAINTENANCE FEE

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Sir:

This letter accompanies the petition of Joseph A. Rasche, inventor of U. S. Patent 6,540,134 (hereinafter sometimes the patent) to reinstate the patent. Please charge the petition fee of \$1,640.00 and the maintenance fee of \$1,450.00, as well as any other fees which may be due to reinstate the patent, to undersigned counsel's deposit account 10-0435 with reference to file 22784-65403.

Respectfully submitted,



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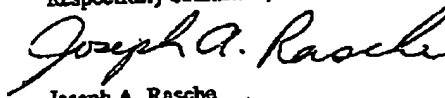
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Sir:

I, Joseph A. Rasche, declare that I am the inventor of U. S. Patent 6,540,134 (hereinafter sometimes the patent). On or about May 12, 2011, and again on or about October 7, 2011, I received reminders from my lawyer of the need to pay a second maintenance fee to maintain the patent in force. I set the reminders aside for future action. Unfortunately, owing to the press of my and my family's daily affairs, the reminders were misplaced. As a result, the maintenance fee did not get paid, and the patent went unintentionally abandoned.

I hereby petition to reinstate the patent.

Respectfully submitted,



Joseph A. Rasche
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